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Six artillery pieces of unknown caliber have been located on Ichiang, according to a MAAG report. These guns have been conducting small-scale firing against targets on Upper Tachen and Nationalist islets north of the Tachens.

Limited firing by Communist guns on Ichiang could be registration for later heavy firing to disrupt evacuation operations.

Matsu

Continued Communist military construction work on the peninsula northwest of the Matsu group is reported. Earlier reports that 10 Communist junks bombarded Kaoteng, northernmost island of the Matsu group, have been corrected. The junks approached Kaoteng but did not fire on Nationalist positions. The Communist ships approached the island and were then driven away by Nationalist fire.

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Current indications suggest Communists will postpone a Matsu invasion at least until further preparations have been made.

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